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C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 1923

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SUBJ: DUAL NATIONAL EMIGRATION FROM CUBA

1. MINREX DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS LUIS GARCIA PERAZA
SUMMONED USINT OFFICER TO MINISTRY, JULY 6, TO SUMMARIZE
PROGRESS ON DUAL NATIONAL EMIGRATION. (FYI FIDEL CASTRO, JUNE
12 SE HAVANA 1598 - PROMISED CONGRESSMEN SOLARZ AND BEILENSON
THAT HE WOULD "FACILITATE" DEPARTURE OF AMCIT DUAL NATIONALS AND
THEIR CUBAN FAMILY MEMBERS. END FYI.)

2. GARCIA PERAZA STATED THAT OUT OF A TOTAL OF 500 ODD FAMILY
UNITS (NUCLEOS):

--47 NUCLEOS COMPOSED OF 128 PEOPLE ARE NOW PROCESSED FOR TRAVEL;
-- ANOTHER 47 NUCLEOS, WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PEOPLE, HAVE
"REFUSED" TO LEAVE COUNTRY;
--158 NUCLEOS IN THE PROVINCE AND CITY OF HAVANA HAVE BEEN
SUMMONED ON TWO OCCASIONS TO DIRECTORATE OF EMIGRATION BUT HAVE
NOT APPEARED. PERSONAL VISITS TO EMIGRATION OFFICIALS ARE NOW
TAKING PLACE TO ASCERTAIN INTENTIONS;
--REMAINING NUCLEOS, MAINLY OUTSIDE HAVANA, ARE IN
MIDST OF EMIGRATION PROCESSING.

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3. USINT OFFICER STATED THAT, DUE TO AIR TRAFFIC GLUT
ASSOCIATED WITH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, IT IS PROBABLY BEST
TO AIM FOR FIRST OUTBOUND FLIGHT OR FLIGHTS IN MID-AUGUST.
GARCIA PERAZA SPECULATED THAT, BY THAT TIME, NUMBER OF FULLY
PROCESSED NUCLEOS MIGHT REACH 80 TO 100 (WITH EACH NUCLEO
AVERAGING 4 TO 5 MEMBERS).

4. ALTHOUGH GARCIA SAYS 47 NUCLEI ARE "PROCESSED FOR DEPARTURE," USINT HAS NO INDICATION THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SO INFORMED BY IMMIGRATION. NOR HAS GOC PROVIDED US A LIST OF THE FAMILIES NOW PROCESSED. WE HAVE REQUESTED SUCH A LIST AND WILL REPORT ITS CONTENTS TO DEPT. WHEN RECEIVED. UNTIL WE HAVE THE LIST AND THE FAMILIES ACTUALLY HAVE IMMIGRATION DEPARTURE AUTHORIZATION IN HAND WE CANNOT START FINAL PROCESSING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT. MAY WISH TO BEGIN TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR CHARTER FLIGHT DURING MID-AUGUST-EARLY-SEPTEMBER TIMEFRAME USING AIRCRAFT OF CAPACITY SIMILIAR TO THAT OF FEBRUARY REPATRIATION FLIGHT (BOEING 727, 125 PEOPLE). WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISER TO MOVE SEVERAL SMALLER GROUPS THAN TO HOLD UP ANY MOVEMENT UNTIL A LARGE GROUP IS AUTHORIZED DEPARTURE AND FULL DOCUMENTED.
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